

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

The present invention is generally directed to a system and method for controlling the interruption and resumption of access to WWW pages that may require arbitrary prerequisites. A significant feature of the invention is its ability to categorize and remember the URL (including form arguments) of where a user was going when a prerequisite failure of a particular kind occurred. By use of session state, this categorized URL is retained, with others as they are accrued (if any), throughout the session. As soon as an applicable prerequisite is satisfied, the user is automatically (or optionally) directed to the retained target URL categorized as corresponding to the satisfied prerequisite (or to a default URL when there is none such). This resumption is effected regardless of the number of intervening HTTP transactions within the session, and regardless of whether the user has left the immediate context in which the failure occurred.